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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3676

INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA VISITS TUNIS

DEPARTMENT PASS CAIRO

1. ALGERIAN FONMIN ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA VISITED TUNIS NOV 12 CARRYING A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TO BOURGUIBA. FOLLOWING HIS CALL ON BOURGUIBA, HE TOLD PRESS HIS MEETING DEALTH WITH BOTH ME SITUATION AND BILATERAL QUESTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM PRESS ON ARRIVAL IN TUNIS, HE SAID ALGIERS SUMMIT WOULD NOT BE HELD BEFORE OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD VERY SOON. HE SAID SUMMIT DATE WILL BE FIXED IN AGREEMENT WITH ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT.

2. BOUTEFLIKA ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT TUNISIA AND ALGERIA APPROACH ME QUESTION IN SAME MANNER, IN ANY CASE WITH SAME PREOCCUPATIONS, AND HIS MEETING WITH BOURGUIBA WOULD DEFINE MORE CLEARLY ACTIONS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TOGETHER OR SEPARAATELY TO BRING CONTRIBUTION TO SOLUTION OF ME CRISIS.

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3. COMMENT: IN LAST FEW DAYS BOURGUIBA AND MASMOUDI HAVE

INDICATED PUBLICLY SOME RETICENCE OVER HOLDING SUMMIT AT THIS
TIME. BOUTEFLIKA'S VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN ALGERIAN ATTEMPT TO
OVERCOME THEIR FEELINGS.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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